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1. FROM B. T. WILSON, FEDERAL BENEFITS OFFICER, GERMANY&
BENELUX: IT IS MY OPINION THAT AN ADDITIONAL LOCAL POSITION
IS VERY MUCH NEEDED IN THE CONSULAR SECTION IN BRUSSELS TO
PROPERLY DO SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES WORK. THE INCUMBENT
IN THE CURRENT POSITION HAS TOO MANY DUTIES TO MANAGE ALL
EQUITABLY. UNTIL RECENTLY FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK HAS HAD THE
LOWEST PRIORITY.

2. I DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT A FULL TIME POSITION FOR
FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK IS WARRANTED. A REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL
BENEFITS WORK ON JULY 26, 1977, INDICATED THAT APPROX 21 SOCIAL
SECURITY CLAIMS WERE TAKEN AND APPROX 30 REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE
FROM SSA WERE PROCESSED DURING THE LAST 6 MONTHS. THERE WERE
PROBABLY ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC RE SOCIAL
SECURITY BENEFITS WHICH WERE NOT INDICATED IN THE FILES.
LESS THAN 1000 SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS AND APPROX 200
VERTRANS RESIDE IN ALL OF BELGIUM. APPROX HALF EACH RESIDE
IN THE BRUSSELS DISTRICT. EVEN IF BRUSSELS WERE ESTABLISHED
AS A CLAIMS TAKING POST, WHICH BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF
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BENEFICIARIES WOULD NOT BE WARRANTED, A FULL TIME FEDERAL
BENEFITS POSITION WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED.

3. I REPEAT, HOWEVER, THAT TO EQUITABLY DO ALL THE WORK
ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES IN BRUSSELS, AN ADDITIONAL
LOCAL POSITION IS MOST CERTAINLY NEEDED.LEHMANN

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